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In re Application of:  
P. Van Voris et al.

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Batch No. M60

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
PROTECTION OF WOODEN  
OBJECTS PROXIMATE SOIL  
FROM PEST INVASION

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Neil Levy

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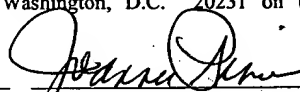
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Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies which were extended during a brief telephone conference held between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on October 3, 2001. During that telephone conference, the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on December 8, 2000 (Paper No. 20) was discussed. Specifically, Applicants inquired about certain references in Paper No. 20 which had not been initialed by the Examiner, references B8, C6, and C14. References B8, C6, and C14 from Paper No. 20 were originally identified by Applicants and submitted to the Office for consideration. Applicants

presume that these references were considered by the Examiner and do not understand why they were not initialed.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are hereby submitting an additional copy of references C6 (Hughes, J., "Controlled Release Technology Inhibits Root Growth," Controlled Release, p. 15, date unknown) and C14 (Van Voris, P., "Long Term Controlled-Releases of Herbicides: Root-Growth-Inhibiting Biobarrier Technology," pp. 1-19, date unknown) from Paper No. 20. Also for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are hereby submitting an additional copy Paper No. 20 and a new PTO-1449 form which lists references C6 and C14 as references G1 and G2 respectively. Applicants hereby respectfully request that the Examiner initial references G1 and G2, which were previously submitted to the Office for consideration and were identified by Applicants, to make them of record using the new PTO-1449 form which is attached.

Applicants note that the abstract for reference B8 (DE 1929314 A, Germany) in Paper No. 20 was subsequently resubmitted as reference C10 in Paper No. 23 and that this reference has been made of record in Paper No. 23.

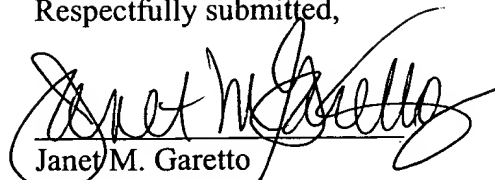
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 425-8514.

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